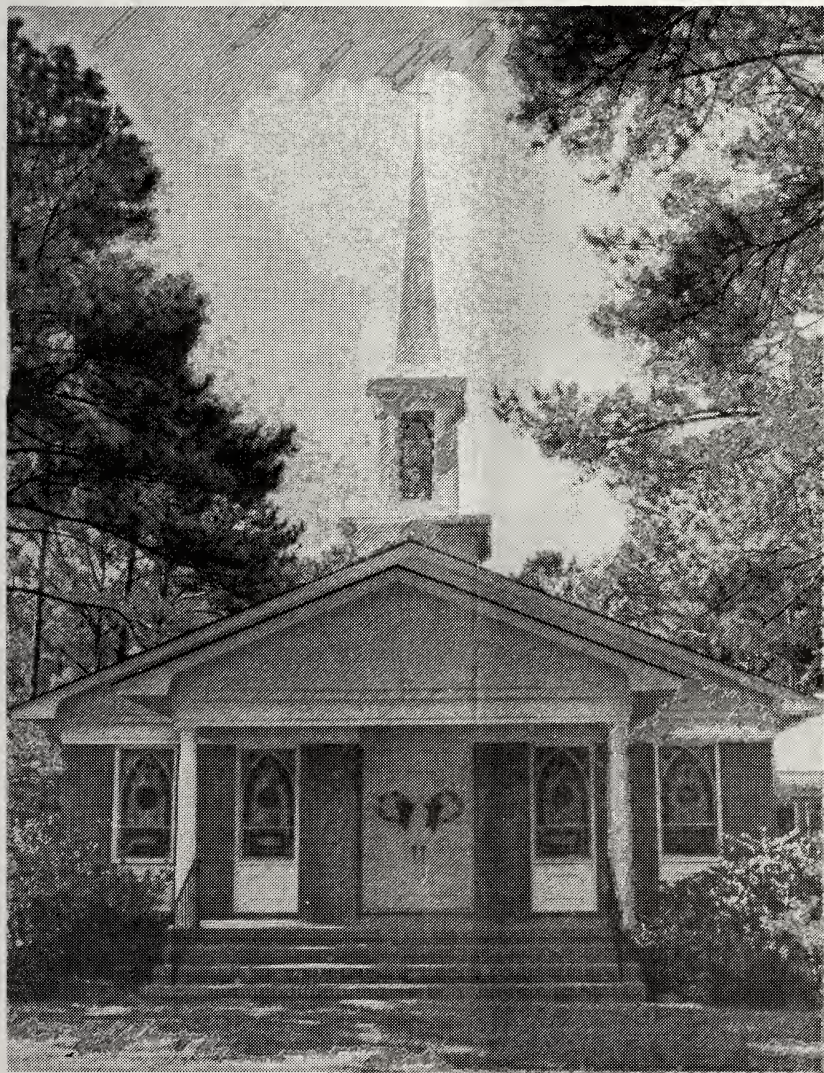


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"To know Christ and to make Him known"



HOMECOMING WELCOME

I would like to welcome each of you to the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church's Homecoming, 2002. I pray that today will be a day of rejoicing, celebrating, and thanksgiving for the blessings of God in our lives, while renewing old friendships and making new ones.

I am glad that you were able to join us at this exciting time at Davis. The Lord is moving in our area in such an unbelievable way that we can hardly take it all in. I hope you will notice our new faces, the new look, and the high level of anticipation for what God is going to do next.

In Christ's name,

Ronnie Drake, Jr., Pastor

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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor:	Reverend Ronnie Drake, Jr.
Deacons:	Mr. Milton Styron Mr. Hubert Brohawn Mr. Al Duncan Willis
Trustees:	Mrs. Virginia Davis Mr. Reginald Styron
Acting Clerk:	Mrs. Sarah Styron
Treasurer:	Mrs. Sarah Styron
Recording Secretary:	Mrs. Ruby Styron
Maintenance Supervisor:	Mr. Elton Willis
Grounds Maintenance:	Mr. Hubert Brohawn
Music Director:	Mrs. Phyllis Willis
Pianists:	Mrs. Michelle Taylor Mrs. Virginia Davis
Ushers:	Mr. Milton Styron Mr. Darrell Davis Mr. Clifton Styron, Jr. Mr. Stevie Gaskill
Acolyte:	Ms. Christian Fulcher

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MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday School:

Superintendents:

*Mr. Reginald Styron
Mr. Kenneth Davis*

Secretary:

Ms. Carolyn Davis

Adult Teacher:

*Mrs. Sarah Styron
Mrs. Virginia Davis*

Young Adult Teacher:

Mr. Hubert Brohawn

Teenage Teacher:

Mrs. Mary Willis

Primary Teacher:

Mrs. Anne Brohawn

Nursery Teacher:

Mrs. Myra Lewis

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH (cont.)

Ladies Auxiliary:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Mrs. Lenora Hill</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>Mrs. Mary Willis</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Mrs. Phyllis Willis</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mrs. Sarah Styron</i>
<i>Program Chairperson:</i>	<i>Mrs. Virginia Davis</i>
<i>Youth Chairperson:</i>	<i>Mrs. Mary Willis</i>
<i>Study Course Chairpersons:</i>	<i>Mrs. Pat Willis</i> <i>Mrs. Virginia Davis</i> <i>Mrs. Sarah Styron</i>
<i>Benevolent Chairpersons:</i>	<i>Mrs. Anne Brohawn</i> <i>Mrs. Evelyn Willis</i> <i>Mrs. Luna Mae Davis</i>

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH (cont.)

Interpretative Movement:

***Interpretative Movement
Youth Director:***

Mrs. Mary Willis

***Interpretative Movement
Assistant:***

Mrs. Jennifer Scadden

Interpretative Movement Youth:

Ms. Christian Fulcher

Ms. Kaylee Gillette

Ms. Amanda Styron

Ms. Kayla Brewer

Ms. Amy Gonsoulin

Gospel Singing Groups:

“Hearts Cry”

Mrs. Mary Willis

Mrs. Lisa Fulcher

“Just Friends”

Mr. Kenneth Davis

Mr. Osborne Davis

Mr. Hilton Willis

Mr. Elton Willis



DECEASED MEMBERS SINCE LAST HOMECOMING

<i>Mrs. Bernice Dixon</i>	<i>August 1997</i>
<i>Mr. Percy Davis</i>	<i>May 1998</i>
<i>Mr. Wesley Paul</i>	<i>November 1998</i>
<i>Mr. Harold Willis</i>	<i>May 1999</i>
<i>Mr. Harry Willis</i>	<i>August 2000</i>
<i>Mr. Carlton Wade</i>	<i>May 2001</i>
<i>Rev. Clifton Styron</i>	<i>August 2001</i>
<i>Mrs. Mildred Labriola</i>	<i>May 2002</i>

PASTORS

<i>Rev. W. E. (Bill) Futch (Supply)</i>	<i>September 1962 - June 1964</i>
<i>Rev. A.B. Bryan (Supply)</i>	<i>April 1965 - November 1967</i>
<i>Rev. E. C. Morris (Supply)</i>	<i>February 1968 - August 1968</i>
<i>Rev. Bruce Dudley</i>	<i>August 1972 - July 1975</i>
<i>Rev. James Evans</i>	<i>August 1975 - September 1980</i>
<i>Rev. Philip Boykin</i>	<i>October 1981 - February 1982</i>
<i>Mr. Eric Gaskill (Part-Time)</i>	<i>May 1982 - May 1983</i>
<i>Rev. Robert Rollins</i>	<i>November 1983 - April 1985</i>
<i>Rev. Joe Ard</i>	<i>January 1986 - October 1990</i>
<i>Mr. Thomas Ricks (Interim)</i>	<i>December 1990- February 1991</i>
<i>Rev. Kevin Stott</i>	<i>February 1993 - July 1995</i>
<i>Rev. Jesse Fulcher</i>	<i>December 1995 - July 1997</i>
<i>Rev. Jerry Rowe (Interim)</i>	<i>July 1998 - March 2000</i>

PASTORS (cont.)

Mr. Ronnie Drake, Jr.
Licensed Minister)

July 2000 - September 2000

Mr. Lee Adams
(Licenses Minister)

April 2001 - June 2001

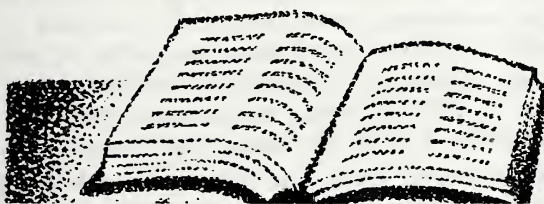
Mr. Michael Coombs
(Licensed Minister)

December 2001 - February 2002

Rev. Ronnie Drake, Jr.

March 2002 - present

Note: During times when the church was without a pastor, services were held each Sunday, thanks to God and the support of denominational leaders.



HISTORY OF THE DAVIS ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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In 1878, the first recorded representation of the second church in Davis was documented in the archives of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The name of the church was the Davis Free Will Baptist Church. All entities of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist denomination were supported and the church grew and prospered in the Lord for many years.

Some eighty years later, after much discussion, deliberation, and anxiety a vote was taken to determine if the church wanted to continue to financially support some or all entities of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist denomination. As a result of the vote, the body of the church divided. Some wanted to support all aspects of the denomination and some did not. After a court case and a judge's ruling, the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church launched out with faith in God. This body of believers, which supports all denomination entities, began to worship together in the old Davis schoolhouse.

On August 11, 1968, the church obtained a parcel of land from Mr. & Mrs. Joe Williams for the purpose of building a new sanctuary. The ground-breaking service for the new church building was held on September 22, 1968. The Reverend R. H. Jackson presided over the service. The motto for the new church was We Will Rise Up And Build. Roland Lawrence Construction Company began working on the new building on September 28, 1968. Three years later on the fifth Sunday in April (1973), a burning of the mortgage service was held. The church was free and clear of all debt. God had surely blessed the people. A year later, new carpet purchased by the Ladies Auxiliary was installed in the sanctuary and on October 18, 1977, the steeple was erected on the church. A year later on October 4, 1978, the church voted to erect a fellowship hall beside the sanctuary. Three years later a ground-breaking service was held and construction began. On January 24, 1982, the church purchased a parsonage from Mr. Bobby Dudley, Davis. In 1993 a handicap ramp was added to the church building. On January 6, 1994, the last payment was made on the parsonage. After years of wear and tear, a new steeple was constructed by the gentlemen of the Building Committee and was placed on the church on May 28, 1994.

Each aspect of construction was completed, each financial debt was met, and each building and items on the grounds have been dedicated to the service of the Lord. We know that without the prayers and hard work of all the people, none of this would have happened. BUT, most of all we know and believe with all our hearts that God Almighty has been with us through it all. We pray that He will continually guide us in all we do at the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church.

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